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1. OUR INTUITION TELLS WE MAY NOT BE FULLY AWARE OF  
ALL THE FACTORS AT PLAY IN THIS FAST MOVING FINAL STAGE OF  
THE EFFORT TO LIFT THE EMBARGO AND THE ASSOCIATED (IN  
TIME) PROPOSAL TO OBTAIN TURKISH SUPPORT NOW FOR GREEK RE-  
INTEGRATION INTO NATO. HOWEVER, REGARDING THE QUESTION  
OF US APPROACHES TO THE TURKS WITH REGARD TO GREEK RE-  
INTEGRATION WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING POINTS MIGHT BE OF  
USE AS WASHINGTON CONSIDERS THE ISSUES POSED REFTEL.

(A) THERE IS NO PRESSURE AT NATO THAT WE HAVE  
DISCERNED TO BRING GREEK REINTEGRATION ISSUE UP AGAIN IN  
THE OEG PRIOR TO RESOLUTION OF THE EMBARGO ISSUE. WE  
BELIEVE IN FACT THAT NATO AUTHORITIES AND ALLIES WOULD  
BE RELUCTANT TO DO SO BEFORE THE EMBARGO VOTE IS TAKEN.

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(B) OUR VIEW IS THAT THE PROCESS OF GREEK REINTEGRA-  
TION WILL NOT BE AN EASY ONE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. IT  
WOULD WE THINK BE SOMEWHAT SMOOTHER AFTER THE EMBARGO HAS  
BEEN LIFTED AND THE TURKS IN A MORE COMPLIANT MOOD IN THE  
OEG, EVEN GIVEN A POSSIBLE PERIOD OF DELAY ARISING FROM  
THE GREEK SIDE. IN ANY CASE, THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO  
POSSIBILITY IN PRACTICAL TERMS THAT NATO VIA THE OEG,

COULD COMPLETE ACTION ON A MAJOR COMPLEX ISSUE OF THIS KIND BY MID-JULY WHEN WE GATHER THE EMBARGO WILL PROBABLY BE VOTED ON IN CONGRESS. IN FACT, WE BELIEVE THE ISSUE WOULD INEVITABLY DRAG ON UNTIL AFTER THE AUGUST VACATION BREAK.

(C) THROUGHOUT THE LONG PROCESS LEADING TO THE BEGINNING OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SACEUR AND THE GREEKS, THE PATTERN OF TURKISH BEHAVIOR IN THE OEG HAS BEEN CONSTANT. THEY HAVE INSISTED FULL AND DETAILED KNOWLEDGE REGARDING PROPOSED FORWARD STEPS IN THE GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS. ONCE THEY HAD THIS KNOWLEDGE, THEY WOULD INTERVENE, AGAIN IN DETAIL, TO ENSURE THAT THEIR INTERESTS WERE PROTECTED AND THE GREEKS WERE NOT GETTING A "FREE RIDE." GIVEN THIS PAST BEHAVIOR, WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT ECEVIT AND THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT AGREE TO THE PROPOSED NATO COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL THEY ALSO KNEW THE CONTENTS OF THE REST OF THE PACKAGE, AND IN PARTICULAR WHAT THE GREEKS WILL DO REGARDING FORCE COMMITMENTS (LEVEL AND NUMBERS), PARTICIPATION IN ALLIANCE DEFENSE PLANNING, SHARING OF INFORMATION, NATO ACCESS TO FACILITIES IN GREEK SOIL, ETC. IN OUR VIEW, WE WOULD HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SATISFY THE TURKS THAT THE STATUS QUO ANTE WAS BEING RESTORED ON THESE AND OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THEM BEFORE THEY COULD AGREE TO COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS WHICH, IN THEIR EYES, REPRESENT NATO CONCESSIONS TO GREECE.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, AND WITH CAVEAT NOTED FIRST SENTENCE ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THAT UNLESS US CAN PROVIDE THE DETAILED INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN PARA 1(C) ABOVE, WE WOULD AGREE WITH THE THRUST OF REFTTEL THAT APPROACH NOT BE MADE TO TURKS PRIOR TO RESOLUTION OF EMBARGO ISSUE. IF APPROACH IS TO BE MADE, WE RECOMMEND THAT IT BE GENERAL ONE, REITERATING COMMITMENT AND IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO GREEK REINTEGRATION AS WELL AS US SUPPORT FOR SACEUR'S EFFORTS, BUT WITHOUT AT THIS STAGE EMBARKING ON DETAILED DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED GREECE-NATO ARRANGEMENTS OR ASKING THAT TURKS DECLARE THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF NEW COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS.  
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